

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
IN AND FOR HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

WILLIAM AMBROS, individually, JOANN  
AMBROS, Individually, and ROBERT AMBROS,  
individually,

Plaintiffs,

v.

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BRANDON,  
INC., a Florida corporation, STEPHEN SMITH,  
Individually, ANNA OWENS, individually, CRAIG  
WILSON, individually, and MONICA AMBROS,  
individually,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 06-CA-002322  
DIVISION: H

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**ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS' MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT  
ON ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS**

THIS CAUSE came on to be heard before the Court on January 24, 2011 on Defendant, Grace Community Church of Brandon, Inc.'s ("Grace"), and Defendant, Craig Wilson's ("Wilson"), respective Motions for Summary Judgment against Plaintiff, William Ambros ("Ambros"), for attorney's fees and costs. After reviewing the Motions, supporting affidavits, documentary evidence, and court file, hearing argument from counsel, and being otherwise duly informed, the Court FINDS that:

1. William Ambros sent a fax to the Court indicating that he was aware of but would not be attending the hearing on January 24, 2011, which was properly noticed under Rule 1.510.
2. Defendant, Grace's, Proposal for Settlement and Offer of Judgment to Plaintiff, William Ambros, dated November 25, 2008 was made in good faith, and is clear and unambiguous.

3. Defendant, Grace, is entitled to its taxable costs and expenses which have been incurred since this case was filed pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 57.041, and its reasonable attorney's fees and costs incurred since November 25, 2008, pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 768.79 and Rule 1.442, Fla.

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4. Based upon the affidavits presented and upon inquiry of counsel for Defendant, Grace, the 724.9 hours expended by Williams Schifino Mangione & Steady, P.A., totaling \$106,694.00, were reasonably and necessarily expended by Grace's counsel. The hourly rates charged are reasonable and appropriate. There are no reduction or enhancement factors for consideration by the Court pursuant to *Florida Patient's Compensation v. Rowe*, 427 So.2d 1145 (Fla. 1985).

5. Based upon the affidavits presented and upon inquiry of counsel for Defendant, Grace, Grace incurred \$64,738.66 in taxable costs under the Florida Uniform Guidelines for the Taxation of Costs.


6. Based upon the affidavits presented and upon inquiry of counsel for Defendant, Wilson, the 710.40 hours expended by Abbey, Adams, Byelick, Kiernan, Mueller, Marone & Samis, L.L.P., totaling \$100,970.50, were reasonably and necessarily expended by Wilson's counsel. The hourly rates charged are reasonable and appropriate. There are no reduction or enhancement factors for consideration by the Court pursuant to *Florida Patient's Compensation v. Rowe*, 427 So.2d 1145 (Fla. 1985).

7. Based upon the affidavits presented and upon inquiry of counsel for Defendant, Wilson, Wilson incurred \$15,930.88 in taxable costs under the Florida Uniform Guidelines for the Taxation of Costs.

7. This Court also finds in favor of GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BRANDON, INC. and against WILLIAM AMBROS and awards Grace its taxable costs in the amount of \$64,738.66, and finds the taxable costs to be reasonable and necessary.

8. Therefore, **Final Judgment for Attorney's Fees and Costs in favor of GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH OF BRANDON, INC. and against William Ambros is hereby entered in the total amount of \$141,462.66, plus interest, for all of which let execution issue.**

**DONE AND ORDERED** in chambers at Tampa, Hillsborough County, Florida, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011.



BERNARD C. SILVER  
Circuit Court Judge

Conformed copies to:

- Grace Community Church of Brandon, Inc., c/o Shane B. Vogt, Esq., P.O. Box 380, Tampa, Florida 33601
- Craig Wilson, c/o Burks A. Smith, III, Esq., P.O. Box 1511, St. Petersburg, Florida 33731
- William Ambros, P.O. Box 188, Sydney, FL 33587 and 605 Backwater Ct., Valrico, FL 33594